

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A pronunciation judgment system comprising:  
a database for storing reference pronunciation  
data;

5 reference voice playback means for outputting a  
reference voice based on said reference pronunciation  
data;

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10 similarity determination means for comparing a  
user pronunciation data input in correspondence to said  
reference voice and said reference pronunciation data;  
and

means for informing a user of a result of determi-  
nation made by said similarity determination means.

2. The pronunciation judgment system according to  
15 claim 1, wherein said database stores a plurality of  
reference pronunciation data corresponding to a  
pronunciation fluency level, for the same language.

3. The pronunciation judgment system according to  
claim 2, wherein said reference voice playback means  
20 includes a user operative member for selecting a level,  
and outputs a selected level reference voice, until  
said similarity determination means detects agreement  
of both data.

4. The pronunciation judgment system according  
25 to claim 1, wherein said database stores reference  
pronunciation data of a plurality of level for each  
of a number of sentences, and said reference voice

5 playback means includes a user operative member for selecting a sentence and a level and outputs a selected level reference voice of a selected sentence, until said similarity determination means detects agreement of both data.

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10 5. The pronunciation judgment system according to claim 1, further comprising means for displaying a sentence corresponding to the reference pronunciation data.

6. The pronunciation judgment system according to claim 1, wherein said informing means informs of the agreement of both data.

15 7. A computer readable recording medium for storing a program for causing a computer to execute the steps of:

reading out reference voice data from a database;  
playing back a reference voice based on the read out reference voice data;

20 determining a similarity by comparing user pronunciation data input in correspondence to said reference voice data and said reference voice data; and  
informing a user of a result of determination made by said similarity determination step.

25 8. The recording medium according to claim 7, wherein said database stores a plurality of reference pronunciation data corresponding to a pronunciation fluency level, for the same language.

9. The recording medium according to claim 7, wherein said reference voice playback step outputs a user selected level reference voice, until said similarity determination step detects agreement of both data.

10. The recording medium according to claim 7, wherein said database stores reference pronunciation data of a plurality of levels for each of a number of sentences, and said reference voice playback step outputs a user selected level reference voice of a user selected sentence, until said similarity determination step detects agreement of both data.

11. The recording medium according to claim 7,  
wherein said program causes a computer to execute also  
a step for displaying a sentence corresponding to the  
reference pronunciation data.

12. The recording medium according to claim 7, wherein said informing step informs of agreement of both data.